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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 September 2010.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 38-57 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 38-57 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-942)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to communications filed on 09/29/2010. **Claim(s) 38 and 48** have been amended. **Claim(s) 1- 37 and 58- 90** have been canceled. No other claims have been amended, added, or canceled. Accordingly, **claim(s) 38- 57** are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 38- 57 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claims 38- 57** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Ng (U.S. Pat. #: 6, 640,301 B1)** and further in view of **Shaikh (U.S. Pat. #: 7, 035, 830 B1)**.

5. Regarding **claim 38 Ng** discloses: a method for controlling access to and tracking the routing of an electronic document, comprising:

embedding a control mark (**Fig. 1 & 3A; digital signature, encryption, PGP**), within an electronic document created by the document word processor, (**Fig. 4 & 6; MSG ID'S, CKSUM KEYS, PAD all within email message body**);
and

monitoring transmitted network packets, for detection of network packets containing the electronic document, based on the control mark, in order to block access to the electronic document from unauthorized recipients (**Fig. 7; extracting MSG ID, and Message verification**).

Ng discloses the invention as disclosed above, however does not appear to explicitly disclose wherein the control mark cannot be changed or removed by the electronic document and blocking access to the electronic document from unauthorized recipients.

In the same field of endeavor **Shaikh** discloses wherein the control mark cannot be changed or removed by the electronic document and blocking access to the electronic document from unauthorized recipients (**Shaikh: Fig. 2-5 and Abstract & col. 1 line 31- col. 2 line 7; electronic copy of document filed with permanent electronic stamp, and limiting access to the to the server/document to at least one authorized user**).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the given invention would have been motivated to combine or modify **Shaikh's** teachings of remote filing and recordation of documents with those of **Ng's** to form a more secure and reliable messaging system (i.e. by allowing the filing of documents electronically as if—or with the same certainty—of doing so in person col. 2 lines 25-35).

6. Regarding **claim 39 Ng-Shaikh** further discloses: further comprising logging an audit record of the transmission, when a network packet containing the electronic document is detected by said monitoring, wherein the audit record stores information

identifying a distribution route of the electronic document (**Fig. 10; Lookup tables and indexing IDs**).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the given invention would have been motivated to combine the teachings of **Ng** with **Shaikh**, in the instant claim, for the same reasoning and rationale as in **claim 38**.

7. Regarding **claim 40 Ng-Shaikh** further discloses: wherein said logging includes logging a date and time of the transmission in the audit record (**Fig. 8A-B; date and time fields**).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the given invention would have been motivated to combine the teachings of **Ng** with **Shaikh**, in the instant claim, for the same reasoning and rationale as in **claim 38**.

8. Regarding **claim 41 Ng-Shaikh** further discloses: wherein said logging includes logging a destination of the transmission in the audit record (**Fig. 8A-B; "To" and "From" fields**).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the given invention would have been motivated to combine the teachings of **Ng** with **Shaikh**, in the instant claim, for the same reasoning and rationale as in **claim 38**.

9. Regarding **claim 42 Ng-Shaikh** further discloses: wherein said monitoring monitors network packets transmitted internally within an organization network (**Fig. 4 & 6-7; outgoing and incoming e-mail messages being monitored**).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the given invention would have been motivated to combine the teachings of **Ng** with **Shaikh**, in the instant claim, for the same reasoning and rationale as in **claim 38**.

10. Regarding **claim 43 Ng-Shaikh** further discloses: wherein said monitoring monitors network packets transmitted from within an organization network to outside of the organization network (**Fig. 4 & 6-7; outgoing e-mail messages via the Internet**).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the given invention would have been motivated to combine the teachings of **Ng** with **Shaikh**, in the instant claim, for the same reasoning and rationale as in **claim 38**.

11. Regarding **claim 44 Ng-Shaikh** further discloses: wherein said monitoring monitors network packets transmitted to an organization network from outside of the organization network (**Fig. 4 & 6-7; in coming e-mail messages via the Internet**).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the given invention would have been motivated to combine the teachings of **Ng** with **Shaikh**, in the instant claim, for the same reasoning and rationale as in **claim 38**.

12. Regarding **claim 45 Ng-Shaikh** further discloses: wherein the network packets are transmitted in response to an FTP download (**Col. 15 lines 9-17; either E-mail or FTP can be used to send messages**).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the given invention would have been motivated to combine the teachings of **Ng** with **Shaikh**, in the instant claim, for the same reasoning and rationale as in **claim 38**.

13. Regarding **claim 46 Ng-Shaikh** further discloses: wherein the network packets are transmitted in response to an HTTP download (**Col. 2 lines 53- 62 and col. 15 lines 9-17; HTTP**).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the given invention would have been motivated to combine the teachings of **Ng** with **Shaikh**, in the instant claim, for the same reasoning and rationale as in **claim 38**.

14. Regarding **claim 47 Ng-Shaikh** further discloses: wherein the network packets are transmitted in response to an Instant Messenger download (**Col. 15 lines 9-17; other file transfer methods**).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the given invention would have been motivated to combine the teachings of **Ng** with **Shaikh**, in the instant claim, for the same reasoning and rationale as in **claim 38**.

15. Regarding **claims 48-57**, they list substantially the same elements found in **claims 38-47**, but in system form rather than method form, therefore **claims 48-57** are rejected using the same reasons and rationale as applied to **claims 38-47**.

Examiner Note: Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in its entirety as potentially teaching of all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the examiner.

Conclusion

16. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MACEEH ANWARI whose telephone number is (571)272-7591. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30-5:00 PM ES.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on 571-272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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